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**ETHICS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT
WITH FORMER CITY CANDIDATE HOWARD WAYNE
CONCERNING VIOLATION OF CAMPAIGN LAWS**

Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director of the City of San Diego Ethics Commission, announced today the Commission's approval of a stipulated settlement agreement with Howard Wayne, a former candidate for City Attorney in the 2004 election cycle. Mr. Wayne has agreed to pay a \$1,000 fine in connection with the failure to maintain documents supporting expenditures totaling \$32,163.50 to two vendors.

Ms. Fulhorst explained that although Mr. Wayne produced voluminous records reflecting the fundraising activities performed by the two vendors on behalf of his campaign, he made payments to these fundraisers without having any written contracts, invoices, or receipts documenting the agreed-upon scope of work and associated compensation. She added that the City's campaign laws require such documentation so that the information disclosed on campaign statements can be audited, and so that the payments made to campaign vendors can be verified as legitimate campaign expenses.

Commission Chairman, Gil Cabrera, commented that, "Recordkeeping may seem like a technical issue, but without proper documentation it is impossible to assure the public that a candidate is adhering to the City's campaign laws."

Ethics Commission fines are paid to the City of San Diego's General Fund. The stipulated settlements approved by the Commission resolve all factual and legal issues without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing.

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